



H.Res. 847 - Recognizing the importance of Christmas and the Christian faith

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 847 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Steve King (R-IA) on December 4, 2007. The bill was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee, but was never considered.

H.Res. 847 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 11, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 847 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the Christian faith as one of the great religions of the world;
- Expresses continued support for Christians in the United States and worldwide;
- Acknowledges the international religious and historical importance of Christmas and the Christian faith;
- Acknowledges and supports the role played by Christians and Christianity in the founding of the United States and in the formation of the western civilization;
- Rejects bigotry and persecution directed against Christians, both in the United States and worldwide; and
- Expresses its deepest respect to American Christians and Christians throughout the world.

BACKGROUND

Christmas, is a holiday celebrated annually by Christians throughout the United States and the world. There are approximately 225,000,000 Christians in the United States and approximately 2,000,000,000 Christians throughout the world, making Christianity the largest religion in the world and the religion of about one-third of the world population.

Many Christians and non-Christians throughout the United States and the rest of the world, celebrate Christmas as a time to serve others

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